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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2155

Attorney's Docket No. 038190/206960

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ellerbrock et al. Confirmation No.: 7632  
 Appl. No.: 09/736,878 Group No.: 2155  
 Filed: December 14, 2000 Examiner: Michael Young Won  
 For: NETWORK CONTROLLER FOR DIGITALLY  
 CONTROLLING REMOTE DEVICES VIA A COMMON BUS

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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

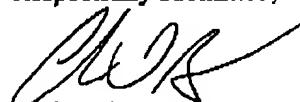
1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005.
2. Applicant is  a small entity;  other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.  
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee (\$1,020.00).  
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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